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January 9, 1968

Mrs. John Bowen
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Dear Opal:

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It was such a thrill to read your letter of December 27 and to know of the things happening with regards to Kim. I have the notes on my desk made for my telephone conversation and had several things in mind as to initiating contacts with him. It now sounds like God has worked even ahead of me and that your dreams for Kim are being fulfilled. I am personally convinced that this is because you finally decided to let God take charge and to work His way in His time rather than trying to push your own plans ahead of His designs. In this context you might enjoy reading Philippians 2:12-13. Remember that God requires us to wait as well as to go and that waiting is best spent in prayer and renewed commitment and surrender.

I have no specific suggestions to make about the offer in Pikeville. I definitely think you should go and I think you can simply share with the ladies some very practical things about the way you are trying to live the Christian life in your home and in your life. By revealing the activities you are involved in as well as providing them basic Biblical truths about the Christian life and the Christian's responsibility, I am sure that you can have a profound impact on them.

Unfortunately, I see no possible way that I can get involved in an effort in or near Pikeville. I would like nothing better, God knows that. I am already overwhelmed by my responsibilities and simply cannot make more time available. I have robbed my family and at times I am convinced I have thought it God's own purpose by trying to become involved in too many different kinds of ministries. I must give my attention for the next several months to this radio ministry. It is more powerful than ever and its magnitude is overwhelming.

Thank you for writing. I know you will do the right thing in all things. You have such significant sense of obedience and surrender. This will always stand you in good relationship with God and man. I send you my personal prayers and deepest concern.

Your brother in Christ,

John Allen Chalk
Radio Speaker

Blue Ash, Ohio
Dec. 27 - '67

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Hi Buddy!

I have such exciting news to tell you, I hardly know where to begin. I might start by thanking you for jerking me into a proper relationship with my Lord. I have thought many hours on what you told me in those few minutes and talked a great deal with my Saviour. I know I can be of better service to Him because of your keen discernment. God bless you. I am grateful to you.

Immediately upon talking with you I went to my Father, begging His forgiveness that I had tried to handle His affairs, and begged only

to be used if He were pleased with this endeavor. The worry seemed to fall away from me, John Allen, like a cloak I had been wearing. Within four days, from the merest, slim lead came the break. Stanley and Joyce Morris had an empty apartment in the basement. They thought if the Kims could live there Stanley could have opportunity to teach him. Stanley is the minister at Milford, where I worshipped before coming to Northeast. He is also working on his Master's degree as Chan Yung Kim is. In fact Stanley takes one class (Rest. Movement) at Anti. Bible Seminary. Suddenly, Dean Moore, who is one of the

house parents and secretary for Midwestern
Children's Home, — (plus a lot of other duties)
begins to listen to Stan, they plan a bit,
and, after the Morris' and Kim's decide
they can live together (they will eat together)
Dean Moore hires her to do secretarial
work at the Milford office! Stan can
hardly wait till Monday to help them
move. Dick Stephens, editor of the
Gospel Vidette met them here at my
house — he and his wife Jane, week
end before last, for the first time. Dick
was the one who started our association
with the Kims. I shall always be grateful
to God for letting me see these two
meet and talk. A beautiful talk

filled with love. Flattering questions -
brave, love filled answers, puzzled
questions, information. Chan Yung knows
only about the Roman Catholic Church
and the split between them - the Greek
Orthodox Church. ^{nothing about the restoration} He desires to know. He
is so talented. He speaks three languages,
besides English. Stan Morris says he
is going to use a lot of his sermons,
translating them in his own native
language so as to send and ^{or} take
them back to Korea -

as I look back over what I have
written to you it sounds a bit fool-
ish to be so excited about this, but
I feel, with a firm conviction that
this could well be the best work of

my life on earth — the farthest reaching.

Please Continue to pray about this.

Speaking of far-reaching things, John Allen, my Conscience keeps telling me we should be sending money for the radio program. Soon I want to be a part of this. We have talked about trying to budget a bit differently so as to include the program because of the number of people we could be helping to reach.

Tonight ^(Bible Study) I heard one of "my boys" lead the closing prayer in a strong clear voice. They are learning to sing and pray in my living room. Now I am beginning another phase of the training that they are not aware of. I have all age children, from 3 thru 14 (Keith) — Keith, (the one who did not believe in God) was the one

who prayed tonight, and four others are going to help me with Classes once a week, for the younger Children. Soon I shall have some good teachers or Co-teachers for Classes and very good help for VBS and Campaigns. I Can do all things thru Christ, which strengtheneth me - Phil 4:13

Surely I have bored you - Just one more thing: I - we, John and I visited Doug Mays, who is the minister at Pikeville, Ky. You met Doug down at Benton, Ky. He was the oldest of our group, ^{minister} Not employed at the time. He has gone down there and is turning those hills upside down. He is going into the heads of those hollows, ferreting out the drunkard, and the poor, and for the first time I am seeing

the poor sitting alongside the better Class of people. In the ^{past} three months this boy - 23 yrs. old (married) has had over 40 restorations and baptisms. Are you acquainted with this area? This town was one of the towns chosen as the richest in the U.S. (Pikeville College is located here. The Church has about 150 members. I know for a fact they have a good deal of money in the treasury. I have, possibly two selfish reasons for hoping you would consider a meeting in this area. One is, I have had a dream ever since I became aware that my kin and my loved ones in the hills were lost, that some day I would see the Church planted in my home town. It is now going right on into the hills. Doug Mays (Pikeville) is only 23 miles

from Elkhorn City where I was raised. Tell us how to conduct a Campaign so as to create interest before you hold a meeting.

My second reason may never materialize, but I feel certain with your help I could be of great influence on a number of people. If you have any suggestions on this, even if you cannot work personally with me, please help. I was asked by Doug, the preacher, and Bro. Drew Justice, one of the two elders if I would conduct a work shop, instructing the ladies in the things I had been doing in my home, prior to a V B S (which they have never had), spending about a week before V. B. S., then helping in the bible school. I am not feeling puffed up, my dear; I am only aware that suddenly I have begun to bear fruit, and suddenly I am asked

to show others what I did. It is at the place,
or time in my life where I need you, or some-
one like you to tell or show me how to impart
this to a group of ladies. It is not enough to
tell them I found myself daily Crucifying self
and begging God for wisdom and asking if
there were a job to use me that day - It is a
wonderful Chance to influence a lot of older
ladies, but so far I Can't seem to get a plan
in mind. Please help if you can.

The reason I know they have money in
the Pikeville Church was because of talk like
this: "We have the money to build if we like -
we could make the seats nicer or lay nice
carpeting if we wished, but we feel we have
catered to the better class of Pikeville long enough.
We will help the poor now." This from Bro. Justice -
I leave you for what you are - Pray for me - Let me hear
from you - Say hello to Sue. Your sister in Christ, Opal.